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TO : Chief, Foreign Division M
Attention:
FROM : Chief of Station, Vienna

DATE: 24 May 1951

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SUBJECT: GENERAL: Operational
SPECIFIC: (Fnu) WALLENBERG, Swedish Ambassador

1. At a meeting with [] on 3 May 1951, [] stated that Greengrocer 1 had commissioned him to assist in an extremely sensitive operation which on no account was to come to the knowledge of the Americans. Greengrocer 1 has been approached at some indefinite date by the Swedish Legation in Vienna to assist in procuring the release of the Swedish Ambassador (Fnu) WALLENBERG, who had been abducted by the Soviets in 1945 and who is reported to be imprisoned in Hermannstadt, also known as Sibiu, Rumania. The approach was made at the instigation of the WALLENBERG family, characterized as noble and rich, who were prepared to pay a large sum of money for the Ambassador's release.
2. [] part in the matter was to contact a Rumanian Volksdeutsch in Upper Austria who might be able to put him in touch with one Gheorgiu VAS, reported to be in Upper Austria, who was said to have precise information on how WALLENBERG could be ransomed or rescued. [] has been unable to discover the whereabouts of VAS.
3. [] cautioned [] that this information was extremely sensitive and should be treated as Top Secret. We are inclined to doubt that the matter merits this classification, but we stamp it so pending further clarification.

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